



**Meeting Minutes
Civic Arts Commission
Wednesday, February 26, 2025
6:00 PM**

**Meeting Location: Tarea Hall Pittman South Branch Library
1901 Russell St, Berkeley, CA 94703**

Agenda

1. CALL TO ORDER: 6:05 PM

2. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Bachrach, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Covarrubias, Pineda, Scott, Woo

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: Hilary Amnah, Grants Program Lead; Jennifer Lovvorn, Commission Secretary/Chief Cultural Affairs Officer; Mark Salinas, Public Art Program Lead

Members of the public present: 1

3. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

4. PUBLIC COMMENT (for items not on the agenda): 1

5. CHAIR'S REPORT

- a) Welcome Commissioner Sean Vaughn Scott
- b) Reflections and Gratitude from Outgoing Chair

6. PRESENTATIONS, DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS

- a) **Action Item:** Next Cube Space Curator
M/S/C (Bullwinkel/Covarrubias) to approve Kevin Chen as next Cube Space Curator for six, three-month long exhibitions (October 2025 – March 2027).
Vote: Ayes — Bachrach, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Covarrubias, Pineda, Scott, Woo; Nays — None; Abstain — None
Public Comment: None

- b) **Action Item:** Public Art Project Plan for the Santa Fe Trackbed to Park Conversion
M/S/C (Woo/Pineda) to approve Public Art Project Plan for the Santa Fe Trackbed to Park Conversion.
Vote: Ayes — Bachrach, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Covarrubias, Pineda, Scott, Woo;
Nays — None; Abstain — None
Public Comment: None

- c) **Report:** Poet Laureate Program Update
Public Comment: None

- d) **Action Item:** Annual Officer Elections

M/S/C (Blecher/Bullwinkel) to approve Cameron Woo as Chair.
Vote: Ayes — Bachrach, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Covarrubias, Pineda, Scott, Woo;
Nays — None; Abstain — None
Public Comment: None

M/S/C (Bullwinkel/Covarrubias) to approve Dana Blecher as Vice Chair.
Vote: Ayes — Bachrach, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Covarrubias, Pineda, Scott, Woo;
Nays — None; Abstain — None
Public Comment: None

- e) **Discussion Item:** Level of Interest in pursuing Nexus Study this fiscal year
Public Comment: None

- f) **Discussion Item:** Update on Proposed Affordable Housing for Artists Ordinance
Public Comment: None

7. STAFF REPORT

- a) Civic Arts Program Updates, Jen Lovvorn
- b) Grants Program Updates, Hilary Amnah
- c) Public Art Program Updates, Mark Salinas

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) Grants – No Report
- b) Public Art – No Report

- c) Policy Subcommittee – Dana Blecher has joined and Lisa Bullwinkel to Chair
- d) Joint Subcommittee with Housing Advisory Commission – Sean Vaughn Scott has joined
- e) Representative on Design Review Committee – No Report

9. COMMUNICATION: None

10. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Action Item: Draft January 22, 2025 Meeting Minutes.

M/S/C (Bullwinkel/Woo) to approve Draft January 22, 2025 Meeting Minutes.

Vote: Ayes — Bachrach, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Pineda, Scott, Woo; Nays — None; Abstain — Covarrubias

Public Comment: None

11. ADJOURNMENT: 7:56 PM

M/S/C (Covarrubias/Woo) to adjourn.

Vote: Ayes — Bachrach, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Covarrubias, Pineda, Scott, Woo; Nays — None; Abstain — None

Public Comment: None

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